

MINUTES

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

MARCH 1, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Charles A. Appleby, Sr., Chairperson, at 9:00 a.m. in Room-117 at the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06106.

Members Present: Charles E. Appleby, Sr., Contractor, Chairperson
George C. Sima, Well Drilling Contractor
James Piccoli, Contractor
Christopher M. Bowman, Contractor
John R. Damico, Unlimited Journeyperson
Anthony Calandrino, Unlimited Journeyperson
Hubert J. Barnes, Unlimited Journeyperson
Frank J. DaCato, Unlimited Journeyperson
Melissa C. Sheffy, Public Member
Carl W. Schaefer, Public Member

Member Absent: Joyce Topshe, Public Member

Board Vacancies: One Public Member

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Nelson Leon
Anthony Santoro, Esq.
Richard M. Hurlburt

Public Present: Kenn Duff, CT Dept of Labor Apprenticeship Rep
Qani Bojka
Kevin Malarney
Frank Cannatelli

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board voted unanimously to approve minutes of the February 2, 2012 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting with amendments to page-2 to reflect the Board expressing their thanks to John R. Sullivan, former Public Member, for his time served and dedicated commitment during his tenure as a member of the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board.

APPLICATIONS

Joseph A. Arsenault, Westford, MA – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Arsenault's application due to lack of required school related experience documentation.

Anthony F. Conte, Norwalk, CT – (P-7) Limited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Conte's application due to lack of a required (P-6) Limited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years. The Board requested Mr. Conte's application be referred to DCP Trade Enforcement Division for investigation of his employers permitting applicant to perform plumbing work without required plumbing licensure or apprenticeship registration.

William R. Klein, Norwalk, CT – (P-9) Limited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Klein's application due to lack of a required (P-8) Limited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years, and lack of a required apprenticeship completion certificate from Massachusetts verifying (2,000-hours) of occupational related experience and (144-hours) of occupational school related instruction experience.

Jonathan G. Pio, Ludlow, MA – (P-6) Limited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Pio's application due to lack of a required apprenticeship completion certificate from Massachusetts verifying (2,000-hours) of occupational related experience and (180-hours) of occupational school related instruction experience.

Matthew L. Shea, Northboro, MA – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Shea's application due to lack of a required apprenticeship completion certificate from Massachusetts verifying (8,000-hours) of occupational related experience and (720-hours) of occupational school related instruction experience.

Wanda L. Willard, Hampton, CT – (P-7) Limited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Willard's application due to lack of a required (P-6) Limited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years.

Samuel C. Worthen, Old Lyme, CT – (SP-1) Limited Contractor – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Worthen's application based on equivalent experience and training and a qualifying hardship.

LATE ARRIVING APPLICATIONS

(The Board voted unanimously to review the following late arriving applications)

Bernard Grenier, Plainfield, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Grenier's application due to lack of a required (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years.

David L. Maher, Boxford, MA – (W-3) Limited Contractor – Approved (W-4)

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Maher's application due to lack of a required (W-4) Limited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years. After further review of Mr. Maher's application, the Board voted unanimously to approve him to sit for the (W-4) Limited Journeyman exam based on equivalent experience and training.

William W. Newhouse, Clinton, CT – (SP-2) Limited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Newhouse's application due to lack of a required notarized statements from his occupational employers attesting to his related dates and duties of employment.

James Peltier, Coventry, RI – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Peltier's application due to lack of a required (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years.

Jeffrey Piccoli, Harwinton, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Piccoli's application due to lack of a required apprenticeship completion certificate.

Gerald Torres, Bridgeport, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Torres' application due to lack of a required apprenticeship completion certificate.

REQUESTING REINSTATEMENT OF LAPSED LICENSE

Qani Bojka, Wallingford, CT – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor (Lapsed 10/31/10)

The Board voted unanimously to deny reinstatement of Mr. Bojka's license and is requiring him to re-apply and re-test for his license.

Kevin J. Malarney, Branford, CT – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor (Lapsed 10/31/10)

The Board voted unanimously to deny reinstatement of Mr. Malarney's license and is requiring him to re-apply and re-test for his license.

APPLICANT REQUESTING IF CONTINUING EDUCATION CAN BE DONE ON-LINE

- TSAMBIKOS KARATHANASOPOULOS – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor

The Board unanimously concluded that on-line continuing education is not permitted pursuant to CT continuing education regulations.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Atlantic Irrigation – 2012 - 2013 Continuing Education course filing for (J-3) and (J-4) license holders.

The Board voted unanimously to deny the Atlantic Irrigation 2012-2013 Continuing Education course filing for (J-3) and (J-4) license holders due to lack of required curriculum hours (5-hours for Journeypersons and 7-hours for Contractors).

DCP COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT

Complaint status report was provided today.

DCP COMMISSIONER APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD

DCP Commissioner, William M. Rubenstein appeared before the Board today to hear their concerns and inquiries concerning ongoing plumbing work being performed by unlicensed plumbers and the complaint process at DCP. Mr. Dacato presented a list of complaint referrals by the Board during the course of their meetings for investigations. The Board expressed concern about repeat violators and blatant violators who are selling their contractor license for pulling permits on jobs where unlicensed individuals are being used to perform plumbing work which hurts those who are following the rules, in addition to uncollected fines levied against violators. The Board also expressed the need for improving compliance enforcement and the way of policing violators.

Commissioner Rubenstein said he understands the Board's longstanding frustration and has asked for their patience so that he can work on the mission of DCP and its enforcement priorities, as well as looking at the possibility of restructuring and dedicating more of its resources to the mission of compliance as a goal. Commissioner Rubenstein said he supports dedicating more resources to this mission and the need for new and better ways of doing things, and that the old way in which we do things is not adequate to get the job done given the resources we have. Commissioner Rubenstein said he will follow-up with the board in a couple of months to report on the progress concerning this matter. The Board thanked Commissioner Rubenstein for meeting with them today.

2012 Meeting Schedule

9:00 a.m. in Room-117 at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford

- **February 2 – Thursday**
- **March 1 – Thursday**
- **March 29 – Thursday**
- **April 26 – Thursday**
- **May 24 – Thursday**
- **June 21 – Thursday**
- **July 19 – Thursday**
- **August 16 – Thursday**
- **September 13 – Thursday**
- **October 11 – Thursday**
- **November 8 – Thursday**
- **December 6 – Thursday**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon
Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 29, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in Room-117.